

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT41423 entitled "Black Liquor/Biomass Gasification Technology Support Research and Development." It is the intent of the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of the Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, to solicit the submission of applications for black liquor/biomass gasification technology support research and development. The areas of interest are: TA-1 Fuels Chemistry; TA-1a Fuels Chemistry—Immediate Needs for Demonstration; TA-1b Fuels Chemistry—Optimization Needs for Sustainable Performance; TA-2 Containment, TA-3 Mill Integration—Steam, Power, Pulping, Causticizing; TA-3a Mill Integration—Steam, Power, Pulping Causticizing—Immediate Needs for Demonstration; TA-3b Mill Integration—Steam, Power, Pulping, Causticizing,—Optimization Needs for Sustainable Performance; TA-4 Process Control and Optimization; TA4a—Process Control and Optimization—Immediate Needs for Demonstration; TA-4b—Process Control and Optimization—Optimization Needs for Sustainable Performance; TA-5—Assurance and Education; TA-5a Assurance and Education—Immediate Needs for Demonstration; TA-5b Assurance and Education—Optimization Needs for Sustainable Performance; TA-6 Project Specific Field Support.

**DATES:** The solicitation will be available through the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> and can be accessed on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or around November 15, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** NA.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Applied and/or bench-scale research and development support efforts are to be undertaken. These efforts are expected to be promising new concepts and optimization efforts in support of black liquor recovery and biomass gasification technologies to the point that they can be demonstrated in industrial applications, with primary interest in the demonstration projects that are underway. The scope of funded activities is to cover, applied research and development, applications engineering, and proof of concept at the laboratory-scale. Technical areas needed to be addressed include those that are of immediate needs for the demonstration projects and those that optimize existing systems/concepts to improve/sustain gasification performance. The Government anticipates 5–10 awards. Individual awards may range from \$500,000–\$1.5 million in Government cost-share. The DOE intends to award cooperative agreements, but reserves the right to award whatever instrument is considered to be in the Government's best interest. In accordance with EPAct, applicants are advised that this solicitation contains a recipient 20% cost share requirement for research and development projects and 50% cost share for demonstration or commercial application projects. This is a percent of the total award value, not as a percent of the Government's share. The duration of these projects is expected to range between 3–5 years.

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Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been posted on IIPS. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will

not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Bonneville Power Administration****Northeast Oregon Hatchery—Grande Ronde and Imnaha Spring Chinook Project**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on the development of additional supplementation facilities and modifications to existing facilities to support the mitigation of impacts to natural populations of spring chinook salmon in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha River basins. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Department of Interior; and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture, are cooperating agencies. The EIS will describe the proposed alternatives for fish trapping, rearing, and release facilities to help restore spring chinook salmon populations in the Imnaha River and Lostine River (a tributary in the Grande Ronde River basin) of Northeast Oregon. The planned facilities will modify and supplement existing facilities built for the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP), a program authorized by Congress in 1976 and administered by USFWS to compensate for spring, summer, and fall chinook salmon and steelhead losses caused by the construction and operation of four Federal dams on the lower Snake River. This action may involve floodplain and wetlands located in Wallowa and Union Counties, Oregon. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and would perform this proposed action so as to avoid or minimize potential